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1. THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED PAKISTAN TIMES TODAY CARRIED A
MASSIVE AND PROMINENTLY FEATURED ANTI-US CAMPAIGN, PICKING
UP THE THEMES FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH. THE LEAD
ARTICLE ON THE FRONT PAGE DESCRIBED THE "NATIONWIDE SUPPORT"
WHICH BHUTTO'S ANNOUNCEMENT FO AN INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY
HAD EVOKED. IT CITED STATEMENTS FROM "ALL PARTS OF THE
COUNTRY" EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH PM. SEVERAL
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PROMINENT PERSONALITIES WERE QUOTED AS HAVING ISSUED
STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE PM. PRODUCTION MINISTER
FAROOQ LEGHARI, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, SAID IT WAS
"UNFORTUMTE THAT OUTSIDERS WERE ABLE TO MEDDLE IN OUR
AFFAIRS," AND THAT THIS SITUATION WAS "MADE POSSIBLE BY
THE ACTS OF THOSE WHO WERE OPPOSED TO THE CONTINUED
EXISTENCE OF PAKISTAN." OTHERS QUOTED AS SPEAKING OUT

AGAINST THE "INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY" INCLUDED PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER SADIQ HUSSAIN QURESHI, SEVERAL PPP MANS AND MPAS, LEADERS OF DEFENSE EMPLOYEES; RICKSHAW DRIVERS' AND GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT WORKERS' UNIONS, A PPP STUDENT LEADER, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE PAKISTAN-(NORTH) KOREA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY, THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PAKISTAN ORGANIZATION FOR AFRO-ASIAN S GIDARITY, AND THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PAKISTAN AWAMI ULEMA PARTY. MOST OF THE STATEMENTS SIMPLY REFERRED TO "DARK FOREIGN CONSPIRACIES" OR USED SIMILAR VEILED PHRASEOLOGY, BUT A COUPLE OF THE FORMULATIONS WERE MORE EXPLICIT. THE ORGANIZATION FOR AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY, FOR EXAMPLE, SAID THAT "THE UNITED STATES HAD DEGRADED ITSELF IN THE EYES OF THE PAKISTANIS PEOPLE.³⁶

2. ALSO ON THE FRONT PAGE, THOUGH NOT PROMINENTLY FEATURED, WAS A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF US DENIAL OF BHUTTO'S CHARGES, DATELINED NEW YORK AND ATTRIBUTED TO APP.

3. ELSEWHERE IN THE PAKISTAN TIMES, THE EDITORIAL READ LIKE A SUMMARY OF BHUTTO'S SPEEL, EMPHASIZING PARTICULARLY THOSE PORTIONS WHERE BHUTTO HAD SPOKEN OF HIS SUCCESS IN BUILDING UP PAKISTAN AS THE REASON FOREIGN POWZNS WERE OUT TO GET HIM. THE SAME THEME WAS PICKED UP, ALONG WITH THE PASSAGES FROM BHUTTO'S SPEECH IN WHICH HE REFERRED TO HIS FOREIGN POLICY DIFFERENCES WITH THE US IN YEARS PAST, IN AN EDITORIAL PAGE ARTICLE BY "ZENO".

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4. ANOTHER ARTICLE ON THE EDITORIAL PAGE, ENTITLED "THE ELEPHANT MEDIA," MADE A WHOLE RANGE OF ACCUSATIONS AGAINST VOA, BBC, AND THE FOREIGN PRESS GENERALLY. IT SAID THAT "ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL MATERIAL PUBLISHED IN THE UNITED STATES, THE CIA EMPLOYES ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING AMERICAN AND FOREIGN JOURNALISTS, AS ITS AGENTS. JUDGING BY THE ACTIVITIX AND THE ROLE OF SOME OF OUR GUESTS, ONE CAN SAFELY CONCLUDE THAT THAT PARTICULAR BREED IS FAIRLY WELL REPRESENTED HERE." ON THE BBC AND THE VOA, AFTER DENYING THAT EITHER WAS INDEPENDENT OF ITS GOVERNMENT, THE ARTICLE SAYS THAT "BOTH THESE SO-CALLED PARAGONS OF FREE EXPRESSION HAVE CARRIED ON A SUSTAINED AND WELL-PLANNED CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO DESTROY NOT ONLY THE CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT BUT ALSO PAKISTAN ITSELF. ALL THEIR NEWS BULLETINS, BEAMED TO LISTENERS HERE, HAVE BEEN SO CONSISTENTLY ALARMIST THAT THEY COULD HAVE ONLY ONE PURPOSE IN MIND; CAUSE CONFUSION AND DESPONDENCY AMONGST THE PEOPLE, EGG ON THE OPPOSITION TO MORE DESTRUCTIVE ACTS AND UNDERMINE THE AUTHORITY OF THE

GOVERNMENT. AFTER ALL BROADCASTING GUL HASAN'S INCITEMENT TO THE ARMED FORCES TO REVOLT COULD NOT HAVE AIMED AT RESTORATION OF PEACE AND TRANQUILITY IN THE COUNTRY." LATER, IT GOES ON "THIS CAREFULLY CONCEIVED PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE HAS BEEN CONDUCTED AS A MATTER OF NATIONAL POLICY."

5. THE FINAL TWO PARAGRAPHS OF THIS ARTICLE CRITICIZE THOSE PAKISTAN JOURNALISTS WHO HAVE FED THE WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS WITH "THE MOST POISONOUS DISTORTIONS AND OUTRIGHT LIES." THE ARTICLE SINGLED OUT "A WOMAN JOURNALIST WHO WRITES OCCASIONAL PIECES FOR A KARACHI DAILY." SINCE THE FOREIGN PRESS ARRIVED, IT SAYS, "SHE HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY ACTIVE IN ACTING AS THEIR MENTOR AND GUIDE. WHAT GAME IS SHE PLAYING?"

6. THE WOMAN JOURNALIST IN QUESTION, WE ARE CERTAIN, IS ANIS MIRZA, WHO HAD BEEN SELECTED SOME TIME AGO FOR A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTIAL IV GRANT FOR TRAVEL IN THE US. MRS. MIRZA HAD BEEN PLANNING A PRIVATE TRIP TO THE US TO SEE HER CHILDREN, WHO ARE IN SCHOOL THERE. A NOTE REQUESTING CLEARANCE HAD GONE TO MFA SOME DAYS AGO. THE EMBASSY DOES NOT NORMALLY RECEIVE REPLIES TO SUCH REQUESTS, AND IT IS UP TO THE NOMINEE TO ESTABLISH THAT THE NECESSARY CLEARANCES HAVE BEEN OBTAINED. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER MRS. MIRZA HAS HEARD ANYTHING FROM MFA. CONSTABLE

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